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1. TURKISH PRESS JANUARY 28 FEATURED THE DENKTASH-MAKARIOS MEETING. ALTHOUGH MOST NEWSPAPERS CARRIED STRAIGHT NEWS REPORTS, THE MEETING PROMPTED SOME ESSENTIALLY ANODYNE COMMENTARY BY TURKISH OFFICIALS AND EDITORIALISTS.

2. PRIMIN DEMIREL TOLD REPORTERS THAT A FINAL POLITICAL SOLUTION HAD TO BE REACHED BY THE TWO COMMUNITIES, AND HE  
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CHARACTERIZED THE MEETING AS ONE OF THE ATTEMPTS TO FIND A SOLUTION. ASKED ABOUT DEP PRIMIN ERBAKAN'S CALL FOR IMMEDIATE INDEPENDENCE FOR THE TURKISH-CYPRIO STATE, DEMIREL REITERATED THAT THE "GOVERNMENT'S VIEW POINT IS WRITTEN IN ITS PROGRAM," I.E., A BIZONAL FEDERATED STATE.

3. FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL, IN A WRITTEN STATEMENT RELEASED IN

STRASBOURG, REPORTEDLY CONGRATULATED DENKTASH FOR HIS "COURAGEOUS STEP" IN REQUESTING A MEETING AND LABELLED MAKARIOS' POSITIVE RESPONSE "A STEP FORWARD".

4. REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) DEP SEC GEN HASAN ESAT-ISIK ALSO RESPONDED POSITIVELY, BUT QUESTIONED THE NEED FOR SECRECY. SAID ISIK, "THE MORE THESE MATTERS ARE DISCUSSED

IN PUBLIC, THE CLOSER WE WILL BE TO A REALISTIC SOLUTION". ISIK ADDED THAT THE CYPRUS PROBLEM SHOULD BE DISCUSSED IN THE CONTEXT OF GREEK-TURKISH RELATIONS, NOT SOLELY IN AN INTERCOMMUNAL FRAMEWORK.

5. IN WHAT MAY REFLECT THE THINKING OF SENIOR TURKISH OFFICIALS, MILLIYET'S WELL-CONNECTED DIPLOMATIC REPORTER, NILUFER YALCIN, WROTE THAT MAKARIOS AGREED TO THE TALKS BECAUSE HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE ECONOMIC GROWTH OF THE TFSC AND, AS WELL, HIS DECLINING WORLD IMAGE. NEVERTHELESS, ACCORDING TO YALCIN, MAKARIOS HAS NOT DROPPED THE IDEA OF THE "LONG STRUGGLE," RATHER, ONLY CHANGED TACTICS.

6. SIMILAR POINTS OF VIEW WERE REFLECTED IN TURKISH EDITORIAL OPINION. MASS CIRCULATION GUNAYDIN'S EDITORIALIST WROTE, "WHAT IS MOST LIKELY IS THAT THE PRIEST (MAKARIOS) WANTS TO SHOW THAT HE IS MAKING ALL EFFORTS FOR PEACE AND THEN ACCUSE THE TURKS OF BRINGING THESE (EFFORTS) TO A DEADLOCK...THUS, IN SPITE OF FAVORABLE ON-THE-SURFACE DEVELOPMENTS, THERE ARE MANY PROBLEMS WHICH ARE BASICALLY HARD TO SOLVE AND GIVE CAUSE FOR PESSIMISM." PRO-GOVERNMENT UNCLASSIFIED

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TERCUMAN WAS GUARDEDLY MORE FAVORABLE; CHARACTERIZING THE MEETING AS AN "IMPORTANT STEP FOR A DETENTE," YET REMINDING THAT MAKARIOS IS AN "UNRELIABLE PERSON". THE EDITORIAL NOTED THAT "NO TURKISH GOVERNMENT CAN ACCEPT" THE IDEA OF THE TWO COMMUNITIES LIVING TOGETHER. MACOMBER

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